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SUBJECT: SECURE VOICE CONFERENCING FOR NATO HQ

A. STATE 012487; B. USDEL 98/75 (NOTAL); C. USNATO 0622

1. STATE REQUESTED MISSION VIEWS ON POSSIBLE DELAY AND COST INCREASE TO PILOT SECURE VOICE PROGRAM (PSVP) CAUSED BY SECURE VOICE CONFERENCING REQUIREMENT OF NATO HQ. (REF A) THE US DELEGATION TO MILITARY COMMITTEE REPORTED SOME OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS FIELD OFFICE (DCFO) IN REF B.

2. THE USDCFO HAS NOW GIVEN THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE MISSION:

A. NICSMA IS PROCURING ELCROVOX EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF SIMPLEX (PUSH-TO-TALK) MODE OPERATION. THESE, ALONG WITH OTHER PSVP COMPONENTS, WILL PERMIT SECURE CONFERENCING OF UP TO FIVE SUBSCRIBERS.

B. THE ACCESS SWITCHES OF THE INITIAL VOICE SWITCH NETWORK (IVSN) CAN HAVE TWO CONFERENCE BRIDGES EACH CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING UP TO TEN CONFEREES IN A PROGRESSIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFERENCE. INITIALLY THESE MUST BE UNCLASSIFIED CONFERENCES.

C. WHEN THE PSVP IS INTEGRATED INTO THE IVSN (I.E., WHEN PSVP CIRCUITS START BEING ESTABLISHED THROUGH IVSN), THE

CONFERENCE BRIDGES IN THE IVSN SWITCHES WILL PERMIT SECURE CONFERENCES. THESE MUST OPERATE IN THE SIMPLEX MODE.

3. ONLY EXTRA COST MISSION SEES NOW IS THE COST OF PROVIDING CONFERENCE BRIDGES IN THE IVSN ACCESS SWITCH SERVING NATO HQ. WE SEE NO SCHEDULE DELAY FOR EITHER IVSN OR PSVP RESULTING FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.

4. FYI: SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE PRESENTED NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT. WORKING LEVELS CURRENTLY ARE ADDRESSING THESE. MISSION EXPECTS THAT NATIONS SOON MAY BE ASKED TO APPROVE PROCUREMENT OF 50 MORE ELCROVOX EQUIPMENTS INDEPENDENT OF THE SECOND INCREMENT OF 250 IN THE PSVP. FIRST FORMAL US ACTION PROBABLY WILL OCCUR AT MILITARY COMMITTEE LEVEL THROUGH USDELMC, WITH WHOM MISSION MAINTAINS CLOSE COORDINATION ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS. END FYI.BRUCE

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